

## **Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force**

### **Work Group Monthly Report**

Work Group Name: Provider Education and Policy Reform.

Work Group Leader: Dr Gale Burstein

Work Group Chair: Dr Gale Burstein and Dr Paul Updike.

Work Group Meeting Schedule: (E-C Fire Training Academy-dates/location subject to change)  
Buprenorphine Training OB/GYN Providers 6/10/17. Conference call 6/29/17.

#### Summary of meetings/Activities:

Planning future pain management workshops collaborating with Independent Health. Sending out surveys to Providers trained to prescribe Buprenorphine for follow up support and assistance.

Dr Burstein in process of making Public Service Announcement (PSA) with DGI Video and Daemen College Visual Arts Dept.

Buprenorphine training on June 10<sup>th</sup> poorly attended. Only 8 providers participated. Need to reassess training strategy. UB Family Medicine residency may send residents to training in the fall.

Working with Dr. Katia Noyes from UB School of Public Health and Tammie Lee Demler from UB School of Pharmacy to develop algorithm for providers to help their patients decrease use of opioid and benzodiazepine combination. UB Pharm D student analyzing Dr Updike's patient data. Dr. Burstein will work with Dr. Noyes to send survey through Erie Co Medical Society to ask physicians about circumstances that they may co-prescribe patients on opioid and benzos and understand their perceived barriers to decrease dosing of either/both meds.

Working with Erie Co Dept of Mental Health and Erie Co Medical Society to roll out SBIRT training. OASAS resistant to offering SBIRT training of trainers (TOT) in Erie Co. We will continue working with OASAS-certified SBIRT trainer from Rochester to train community providers. Meeting planned with Erie Co Medical Society next week.

Working with CAP PC to develop Pediatric SBIRT training to train pediatricians later this summer or fall.

Working with Mid-Erie Behavioral Health and Boston Children's to develop buprenorphine clinical program for minors. Waiting to Boston Children's to send dates where we can travel to shadow their clinic. Pediatrician who is a bup trainer is working for NYSDOH and offered to assist.

Support needed? Continue to recruit and support Providers trained to prescribe Buprenorphine. Promote linkages to Specialty Substance Abuse Disorder treatment Providers. Continue to communicate with, reevaluate, and support all the Task Force workgroups activities and efforts.